

(d) a DNA hybridizing to the DNA consisting of the base sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3, and encoding a protein that is a functional equivalent of the protein consisting of the amino acid sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4,
which comprises the steps of:
culturing the host cells of claim 3, and
recovering the expressed protein from said host cells or from the culture supernatant thereof.

10. A compound that binds to a protein encoded by a DNA selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a DNA encoding a protein consisting of the amino acid sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4;
- (b) a DNA comprising the coding region of the base sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3;
- (c) a DNA encoding a mutant protein consisting of the amino acid sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4 wherein one or more amino acids are substituted, deleted, inserted, and/or added, said mutant protein being a functional equivalent to the protein consisting of the amino acid sequences described in SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4; and
- (d) a DNA hybridizing to the DNA consisting of the base sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3, and encoding a protein that is a functional equivalent of the protein consisting of the amino acid sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4,

wherein said compound can be isolated using the method of claim 9.